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Carlotta Grandstaff, Chairman
Ravalli County Commissioner's Office
215 South 4th Street, Suite A
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*This is the
first spill*

Subject: No Further Corrective Action Required for the Petroleum Release at North Star Aviation, Ravalli County Airport, 516 Airport Road, Hamilton, Montana; Facility ID# 99 95007, Release# 4414.

Dear Ms. Grandstaff:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed information associated with the petroleum release at the above-referenced location. Based on the available information, it appears that all appropriate corrective actions have been completed for release #4414. The subject release will be categorized as resolved in accordance with ARM 17.56.607(4). The decision that no further corrective action is required is based on the following:

- The October 2007, Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report prepared by PBS&J indicates that volatile petroleum hydrocarbons and extractable petroleum hydrocarbon fractionated analytical data from monitoring wells MW-1, MW-2, MW-3, MW-4, MW-5, and MW-6 were either non-detect or below the DEQ's Risk Based Screening Levels.
- Residual soil contamination may have existed from release #4414, however this will be addressed during corrective actions for release #4668.
- Monitoring wells MW-1, MW-2, and MW-3 were removed during excavation activities associated with release #4668. Monitoring wells MW-4, MW-5, and MW-6 will be retained to monitor the groundwater plume associated with release #4668.

This letter only addresses closure of release #4414, and does not address other environmental conditions associated with release #4668, or that may exist at current or former petroleum storage tank systems or other areas of the facility that have not been specifically investigated. You may still be responsible for any damages not yet identified resulting from leaks, spills, or improper closure of the tank(s). The resolved release may be re-categorized as active if the department receives information with which it determines further corrective action is necessary. The DEQ will maintain your "release" file so that if you need any information in the future or new problems with your site arise, it can be accessed easily. If you still have outstanding permit requirements or fees due, you will be contacted separately by the Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (406) 841-5044. The DEQ appreciates your cooperation concerning corrective action requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas Sovner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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